HOUSE No. 1478

By Mr. Binienda of Worcester, petition of John J. Binienda relative to the commercialization of fuel cell technology. Economic Development and Emerging Technologies.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO AN INITIATIVE TO PROMOTE THE COMMERCIALIZATION OF FUEL CELL TECHNOLOGY.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 3 Chapter 25A of the General Laws is
- 2 hereby amended by inserting after the definition of "Energy man-
- 3 agement services", the following new definition:— fuel cell
- 4 "fuel cell" a device that converts a fuel's energy directly to
- 5 electrical energy using an electrochemical process.
- 1 SECTION 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or
- 2 special law to the contrary, the division of energy resources shall
- 3 develop a statewide plan for the coordinated acceleration of the
- 4 commercialization of fuel cell generation in Massachusetts. This
- 5 plan must explore the availability and efficacy of alternative
- 6 mechanisms that might be created in cooperation with the private
- 7 sector, utilities, and other agencies to accelerate the commercial
- 8 availability and economic viability of fuel cells for use in the
- 9 Commonwealth.